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HITS GERMAN RATHER HARD. Effect of the President's Latest Proclamation Considered. WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The effect of the president's proclamation, issued yesterday, is to reimpose upon the vessels entering from Germany the same tonnage dues that are imposed on vessels entering the United States from Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain and other maritime nations in Europe and Asia.

RETURNS FROM VENEZUELA. Minister Andrade Comes Back Sooner Than He Was Expected. CRESPO MAY DESIRE TO MAKE A CHANGE. Intentions, on the Other Hand, May Point to a Complete Agreement in Regard to the Boundary Arbitration.

WORK OF THE MINT FOR A YEAR. Director Preston Issues Some Figures on Coinage and Stocks of Money. WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The report of R. B. Preston, the director of the mint, shows that the official gold bullion deposited at the mint and assay office during the year 1895-96, with a balance of \$1,310,024.15, represented a value of \$11,674,077. The purchase of silver bullion for arbitrary coinage under section 3526 Revised Statutes was 184,687 fine ounces, costing \$122,420.

LOOKS LIKE A HOT CONTEST. Republicans and Populists Don't Agree on the Vote in South Dakota. BOTH SIDES THREATEN LITIGATION. Demands Made for Certificates by Representatives of All Interested Parties—Special Messenger Sent for Returns.

AMUSEMENTS. Mrs. Sook Jones, who was born May 17, 1816, needs no introduction to an Omaha audience, and no passport to Omaha beyond that furnished by her joyous personality. The sun always shines brighter by day and the moon and stars by night when she appears—whether from motives of envy or of generous emulation is yet a matter for speculation among astronomers—and everything blue in the sky is driven away by her infectious mirth.

ARSENIC IN BAKER'S BREAD. Wholesale Poisoning Reported from One Section of Milwaukee. OVER A HUNDRED FAMILIES AFFECTED. Police Believe a Deliberate Attempt Has Been Made to Cause the Death or Illness of the Baker's Customers.

BOND-AIDED RAILROADS. Under the head of bonded railroads, the secretary says he has completed with the joint resolution of June 10, 1895, requiring the issue of bonds to aid in the construction of railroads, but he says he declines to issue bonds to all surveyed lands on the application of the Central Pacific. He says: "The representatives of the Central Pacific further contended their road is not in default of the government and that if it were the bonds were not covered by the government mortgage and secured by the government. I do not agree with either of these statements. The tables present clearly show that the Central Pacific is in default of the government, but whether or not, it is unimportant to me on January 1 next, or about thirty days hence, when the Central Pacific will be required to pay together with thirty years' interest, and will fall due and must be redeemed by the government."

GROWING SPONGES IN FLORIDA. A report is now being prepared at the fish commission of an investigation into fish conditions in Florida. The report will take a wide range, as a thorough investigation is being made into the industry of the sponge, and whether it would be profitable to cultivate in Florida waters, and also whether it would be profitable to import from other countries. The sponge must be set out like plants and trees. There is no such thing as an artificial sponge.

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THE METALLIC STOCK IN THE UNITED STATES ON JULY 1, 1896. Gold \$599,597,511; silver \$28,419,325,828. The estimated production of the precious metals in the United States during the calendar year, 1895, was as follows: Gold \$1,212,277,021; silver \$1,212,277,021.

AS TO STATE OFFICERS. At the meeting of the state canvassers this morning returns were canvassed on all counties which were passed on the grounds of returns being signed by unauthorized persons. Returns on the counties of Lawrence and Big Horn were declared "no returns" on account of failure of the auditors to attach seals, and the same was done in the case of the counties of Lawrence and Big Horn.

IN A SPEECH before the curtain last night, Mr. McCall's growing reputation as a writer of successful plays was announced. He has come on from Boston expressly to look after the first presentation of the new piece, which he considers his best, as it is his most ambitious effort.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS KILL DYNAMITE DICK AND CAPTURE BEN CRAVENS. WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 4.—A surprise this morning "Dynamite Dick," the leader of Oklahoma outlaws, was killed at the home of Mr. Hostler, two miles east of Blackwell, by a liverman named Lang, one of a sheriff's posse, and Ben Cravens, his partner, was mortally wounded by Richard Clark. Richard Clifton is the real name of "Dynamite Dick," the leader of Oklahoma outlaws, was killed at the home of Mr. Hostler, two miles east of Blackwell, by a liverman named Lang, one of a sheriff's posse, and Ben Cravens, his partner, was mortally wounded by Richard Clark.

PROPOSES A COMPROMISE. The secretary says he has requested an opinion from the secretary of the treasury as to whether the Central Pacific is in default, and the attorney general as to whether, in default, he is authorized to patent lands granted to bonded railroads, even when they have been sold to bona fide purchasers. It will be noticed the secretary, by implication, questions the authority of the concurrent patenting of the railroad lands by the government, but whether or not he is not likely to delegate to the secretary the power to settle this indebtedness without making such settlement subject to its approval, but whether or not he is not likely to delay the construction of the government of a commission and its work would be so great that most or all of the bonds issued in aid of the roads could mature, and the government be unable to pay them. In the meantime, other bills would be introduced seeking to effect other settlements, and the government would be unable to receive less for its bonds than a compromise by the cash payment of a lump sum should be effected in the immediate future, and the government become relieved of its indebtedness to the railroad companies. This indebtedness has been a subject of attention to the legislators and the indebted companies. A funding of the debt which contemplates the government accepting long time bonds for its redemption will not remove this troublesome subject from the consideration of congress, and would probably result in increased measures for the relief of the roads being proposed as those bonds approach maturity.

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CASH IN THE TREASURY. WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury, shows: Available cash balance, \$24,955,063; gold reserve, \$12,078,735.

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